



PMS 317

# Future USS Mesa Verde

## LPD 19 Fact Sheet

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### Mission

The future *USS Mesa Verde*, currently under construction at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems' shipyard in Pascagoula, MS, will be the third amphibious transport dock of the twelve-ship San Antonio class. The *Mesa Verde* will be used to transport and land Marines, their equipment and supplies, by embarked air cushion or conventional landing craft or amphibious assault vehicles, augmented by helicopters or vertical take off and landing aircraft. The *USS Mesa Verde* will support amphibious, special operations, or expeditionary missions through the first half of the 21st Century.

### Name

"Mesa Verde is a jewel of our National Park system that celebrates the extraordinary beauty and diversity of that region and our nation," stated Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig in 2000. "The real richness of Mesa Verde and that of our country's naval service, however, lies in the people -- the remarkable legacy of their past and a future with great promise. The naming of *USS Mesa Verde* establishes a strong and fundamental link between this nation and those who serve and truly value that bond." This will be the first U. S. Navy ship named *Mesa Verde*.

### Ship Characteristics

<u>Length</u>	684 feet (208.5 meters)
<u>Beam</u>	105 feet (31.9 meters)
<u>Displacement</u>	Approximately 24,900 tons full load
<u>Speed</u>	In excess of 22 knots (24.2 mph)
<u>Aircraft</u>	Four CH-46 <i>Sea Knight</i> helicopters or two MV-22 tilt rotor aircraft may be launched or recovered simultaneously. The ship's hangar can store 1-2 aircraft.
<u>Armament</u>	Two 30 mm Close-in-Guns, for surface threat defense; two Rolling Airframe Missile launchers for air defense
<u>Landing Craft</u>	Two LCACs (air cushion) or one LCU (conventional)
<u>AAAVs</u>	14 Marine Corps Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicles
<u>Power plant</u>	Four Colt-Pielstick diesel engines, two shafts, 40,000 Hp
<u>Crew</u>	361 (28 officers, 333 enlisted)
<u>Troops</u>	699 (66 officers, 633 enlisted); surge to 800 total.
<u>LPD 17 Class</u>	<i>San Antonio</i> (LPD 17). <i>New Orleans</i> (LPD 18), <i>Mesa Verde</i> (LPD 19), <i>Green Bay</i> (LPD 20), and <i>New York</i> (LPD 21)

### Dates

Construction of LPD 19 began in 2002. The ship will launch in 2004 and is scheduled for commissioning in 2006, marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the National Park.

For more information about the future *USS Mesa Verde* and other *San Antonio* LPD 17 class ships, go to [www.pms317.navy.mil](http://www.pms317.navy.mil).